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EYFS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Colours– Elmer

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Teachers comment:

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term! It has been a fantastic week welcoming the children back to school! Everyone has settled well and managed to get back into our learning routines very quickly! We are finalising the last few Tapestry accounts and hope to start using Tapestry to communicate next week, so if you have not yet activated your account or received an email to do so, then please contact us to check the email address you have given us is correct. Many thanks for supporting your children to learn the tricky phase 2 words over the half term holiday-we have noticed and improvement in their rapid recall of these words. Thank you for all your support!

This week in school we have:

- Started our new Colours Topic and discussed the children's ideas about what we would like to learn.
- Shared the story of Elmer and thought about what makes us all special and unique.
- Measured various things using cubes and thought about the language of long, longer, longest and short, shorter, shortest to make direct comparisons.
- Investigated fireworks and discussed why Bonfire Night is celebrated.
- Discussed firework safety.
- Created firework rockets and chalk drawings.
- Written our own firework poems, discussing the noises and sounds they make.
- Practised name writing and lower case letter formation with our favourite colours and chalk pens.
- Learnt the new phonic sounds of e and u.

Next week in school we will be:

- Focussing on the story The Day the Crayons Quit.
- Discuss our favourite colours, why we like them, and what some of them represent.
- Create colour weaving threaded art with ribbons/wool.
- Practising counting and investigating the value of numbers from 1-10 and then 10-20.
- Writing numbers in various ways and recognising missing numbers in a sequence.
- Celebrating Remembrance Day and creating various Poppy art work over the week.
- Celebrating Children In Need with a fun non-uniform, dress up in yellow, Determination Day on Friday!

To support your child's learning at home you could:

Please continue to support your children learning the phase 2 tricky words (I, no, go, to, the, into) -words that cannot be phonetically sounded out and must simply be learnt by sight.

- Some fun ways to do this are:
- Write the word on a post it, stick it somewhere around your home and send your child to search for it!
- Play a game of bingo, pairs or snap!
- Flash cards on a door, say the word then high five it!

If your child is secure with these words then please progress to the phase 3 tricky words and continue to focus on the decodable phase 2/3 words that they can blend and segment. (All words are in the back of their reading diary)

- Read a book on Bug Club (Log in details on the inside cover of your children's reading diary)
- **Weekly challenge:** Create your own Elmer- a very colourful elephant! Use any materials or resources you can find and make him as colourful as you can! We can't wait to see your creations! Email them to YR-20@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk or upload as an observation to Tapestry. Alternatively bring them in to share with your friends!